(b) if so, specific programme taken up to create job opportunities both at Government and private level indicating total outlays during Ninth Plan and category-wise jobs created;

(c) what is the response to the proposal of Government of Assam for generation of self employment avenues for the educated unemployed; and

(d) the likely time of its execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Employment generation is one of the major objectives of the Ninth Plan (1997-2002), which envisages priority to gainful employment during the growth process itself by concentrating on Sectors, Sub-sectors and labour intensive technologies in regions, including the North Eastern Region characterised by high rates of unemployment and under-employment.

(b) In pursuance of the above objective, the Government is implementing a number of special employment programmes in the Government sector for generation of employment opportunities and income and thereby eradicating poverty. The major programmes provide employment in the rural areas include Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (erstwhile IRDP), Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (erstwhile JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme. In the urban areas, Swaran Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana is in operation since 1997 to provide productive employment to the poor. Besides, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented as a Central Plan Scheme to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployment youths in both rural and urban areas.

The total outlay in respect of Swaranjayanti Gram Swa-Rozgar Yojana, Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme for the North-Eastern region during first three years of the Ninth Plan is Rs. 1118.23 Crore. Category-wise jobs created are not available. No information is available in regard to the private sector.

(c) and (d) A proposal entitled Chief Minister's "Swa-Niyojan Yojana" has been received from the Government of Assam. Certain clarifications have been sought from the State Government in this regard. Besides, State Government has been advised to consider including such schemes as a part of their Annual Plans.

Central Allocation to Gujarat

1369. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government contributes the maximum revenue, excise duty, corporation tax and customs duty to Centre as compared to other States;

(b) whether despite the above facts, the Central Allocation has been decreased year after years;

(c) the steps being taken to increase the allocation to Gujarat;

(d) the demand submitted by the Gujarat Government before the Planning Commission;

(e) the salient features of the demands; and

(f) the extent to which the Planning Commission has agreed to and the extent to which the expectations are likely to be met?

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(b) to (f) The allocation of resources by Planning Commission to the States is not directly related to revenue generation and tax collection of each State. It is determined by a formula approved by the National Development Council. In addition resources are also made available to the States in the form of Externally Aided Projects and Additional Central Assistance.

During the Ninth Five Year Plan the Annual Plan proposals as submitted by Gujarat State have been agreed to by Planning Commission. Details of the Plan allocations are given in the Statement.